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3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not show or suggest a cooking operation in a microwave oven, comprising the steps of: providing a microwave oven having a sensor for detecting humidity levels within the microwave oven and performing a food simmering method including three heating time periods with the second and third depending on the various length of the previous heating period(s) with different power level settings as specifically set forth in claims 1 and 11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip H Leung whose telephone number is (703) 308-1710.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Denise Pothier can be reached on (703) 308-0265. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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